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New Incentive Bond Standards

The State will be revising the Incentive Bond calculations effective with the 2009 Incentive Bond Year – which starts April 2008. One of the big changes is that the old Accuracy and Completeness checks have been replaced by a General Error Standard and a Fatal Error Standard. Each field will have its own percentage calculated for errors and incomplete values and a threshold will be set on a field by field basis.

The other big change is that the State plans to conduct annual Chart Audits at each region where a limited number of charts will be reviewed for consistency with the data submitted to RDMC for the selected clients. Details of the new Incentive Bond Standards are available on the MMHR web site at http://www.mhmr.ky.gov/CMHC/files/ImpGuide_2008/2009IncentiveBondStandards.pdf.

The new calculations will start appearing on the Data Quality Reports within the next month. This will be for informational purposes only - they will not be enforced until April 2008.

TEDS SA Discharge File Update

Starting in October 2007, Centers are to begin submitting production TEDS SA Discharge files. The initial July 2007 Discharge files will be available in each region's upload folder on the MHMR web site on or before October 7. The files should be reviewed, updated, and finalized with RDMC no later than October 31. All Discharge files submitted October 1 and later will be considered Production files unless the word "TEST" is included in the file name. It is important that Centers follow standard naming convention on the files.

Details and specifications for the Discharge file are available on the MHMR web site at http://www.mhmr.ky.gov/cmhc/files/ImpGuide_2008/21-ImpGuide_Discharge.pdf. For additional assistance, Centers can contact their data liaisons at the Research and Data Management Center.

Client File Reminder

Every month, the Client file should contain a record for all clients who are active during that month. All claims submitted should have a matching Client record submitted during the corresponding month. Even though the Client record may have already been submitted earlier in the same fiscal year, a current record still needs to be included in any following months where that Client has services.

Many regions find that the simplest way to manage the Client file is to keep adding to the Client file during each month of the fiscal year. The July file would contain all clients served in July; the August file contains any client served in July or August; the September file contains clients served in July, August, or September; etc. This will assure that no clients are missed even though there may be a gap in services.

Substance Abuse Prior Treatment Episode Field

Field 56 in the Client file (Substance Abuse Prior Treatment Episode Field) is no longer required. Regions may continue to submit that information if it is available or they may pad the allotted columns in the Client file with spaces.